

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10, 19, and 20 are pending, with claims 1, 5, and 6 being independent. Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 19 have been amended herein to delete non-elected subject matter without disclaimer of or prejudice to the non-elected subject matter. Claims 7, 8, and 18 have been canceled herein as directed to non-elected subject matter without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants have no intention of abandoning any non-elected subject matter and expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5, 6, 8-10, and 19 contain allowable subject matter and for indicating that method claims of the same scope as the allowed compounds will be rejoined and allowed.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 6, 8-10, and 19 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 1, 5, 6, 10, and 19 to delete non-elected subject matter and have canceled claims 7, 8, and 18 as directed to non-elected subject matter. Applicants have no intention of abandoning any non-elected subject matter and expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the subject application is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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